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25th
1998

Interviews: 401 adults, January

405 adults, January 26th***The margin of error for
405 interviews is +5%***Male 48
Female 52

[5]

***The margin of error for
806 interviews is +3.5%*****FINAL**Study #5080c
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1. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	[60]
Bill Clinton							
January 26, 1998.....	24	19	17	15	24	1	
January 24, 1998.....	19	21	17	15	27	1	
January 17-19, 1998.....	21	36	15	13	15	-	
December 1997.....	21	34	16	13	15	1	
October 1997.....	21	30	16	15	17	1	
September 1997.....	24	32	17	13	13	1	
July 1997.....	26	30	13	14	16	1	
June 1997.....	20	31	17	15	16	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	

(Q.1. cont'd.)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	[62]
Al Gore							
January 26, 1998.....	19	23	26	13	14	5	
January 24, 1998.....	19	24	28	15	10	4	
January 17-19, 1998.....	13	26	29	16	12	4	
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
October 1997.....	10	27	28	15	17	3	
September 1997.....	13	25	24	18	15	5	
July 1997.....	16	33	23	11	14	3	
June 1997.....	18	28	25	13	12	4	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							
January 26, 1998.....	26	19	21	12	19	3	
January 24, 1998.....	26	23	20	12	18	1	
January 17-19, 1998.....	20	25	21	16	16	2	
December 1997.....	18	26	23	14	17	2	
October 1997.....	20	25	23	13	17	2	
September 1997.....	19	26	18	15	20	2	
July 1997.....	16	23	21	16	23	1	
June 1997.....	22	26	15	15	20	2	
April 1997.....	18	26	18	14	22	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	27	30	21	8	8	6	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996+.....	14	20	19	17	27	3	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	1/98					12/97	10/97	9/97	7/97	High	Low	[20]
	25 th -26 th	26 th	25 th	22 nd	17 th -19 th					9/97	6/93	
Approve.....	62	63	61	61	62	59	57	62	56	62	41	
Disapprove.....	30	30	31	32	30	33	34	29	36	29	50	
Not sure.....	8	7	8	7	8	8	9	9	8	9	9	

3a. As you may know, there are allegations that President Clinton had an affair with a 21-year-old White House intern. Do you think that these allegations about President Clinton are true, or not?

	1/98					22 nd	[22]
	25 th -26 th	26 th	25 th	24 th	22 nd		
Yes, allegations are true.....	43	39	47	45	38		
No, allegations are not true.....	25	27	24	25	28		
Not sure.....	32	34	29	30	34		

3b. If it turns out that these allegations are true, do you think that President Clinton should be impeached and removed from office?

1/98					
	25 th -26 th	26 th	25 th	24 th	22 nd
Yes, should be impeached and removed from office.....	37	38	37	32	42
No, should not be impeached and removed from office....	54	54	54	60	46
Not sure.....	9	8	9	8	12

4a. There are also reports that President Clinton encouraged the 21-year-old White House intern to commit perjury, which means to lie under oath, about their alleged affair. Do you think that these reports about President Clinton are true, or not?

1/98					
	25 th -26 th	26 th	25 th	24 th	22 nd
Yes, reports are true.....	35	31	38	38	33
No, reports are not true.....	34	36	32	34	34
Not sure.....	31	33	30	28	33

¹ On January 22, the question was phrased "... encouraged this woman . . .".

4b. If it turns out that these reports are true, do you think that President Clinton should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

1/98					
	25 th -26 th	26 th	25 th	24 th	22 nd
Yes, should be impeached and removed from office.....	56	52	59	57	60
No, should not be impeached and removed from office....	36	38	34	35	30
Not sure.....	8	10	7	8	10

4c Based on what you have heard up to now, do you think that the U.S. Congress should begin hearings into President Clinton's role in this matter, which could lead to an impeachment trial in the U.S. Senate?

1/98					
	25 th -26 th	26 th	25 th	24 th	22 nd
Yes, Congress should begin hearings.....	46	44	48	48	
No, Congress should not begin hearings.....	46	45	47	40	
Not sure.....	8	11	5	12	

5a. From what President Clinton has said publicly so far about the recent allegations against him, do you think that he has been candid and open, or has he been guarded and less than honest?

1/98			
	26 th	24 th	
Candid and open.....	28	19	
Guarded/less than honest.....	55	69	
Not sure.....	17	12	

5b. How likely are you to watch tomorrow night's State of the Union address by President Clinton -- will you definitely watch, maybe watch, or probably won't watch the state of the union address?

Definitely watch.....	44	[64]
Maybe watch.....	27	
Probably won't watch.....	28	
Not sure.....	1	

5c. Which are you more interested in hearing from President Clinton - (a) what he has to say about the state of the union and his policies for the coming year, or (b) what he has to say further about the allegations that have been made against him concerning his relationship with the former White House intern?

What he has to say about the state of the union..	67	[65]
What he has to say about the allegations concerning the former White House intern.....	20	
Not sure.....	13	

FACTUALS: Now I have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	10	[28]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	8	
55-59.....	8	
60-64.....	6	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	1	

F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/ REPUBLICAN.")**

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	24	[29]
Not very strong Democrat.....	7	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	7	
Strictly independent.....	23	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	16	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000,

between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	[30]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	9	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	11	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	14	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	15	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	15	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	8	
More than \$100,000.....	7	
Not sure/refused.....	16	

F4. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

(IF NO:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[31]
White.....	78	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	